

Farthingstone Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Farthingstone Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday
18th January 2016 at 8.00pm

Minute No		Action						
01/16	<p>Attendance and Apologies: Present: Jennie Miller, Peter Stanton, Stewart Summers, Susan Castle, John Church, Stephen Batterby and Sarah Hyatt Apologies: None Also in attendance: Paul Justice, Paul Edgerton, Len Birchall. Councillor Johnnie Amos (arrived approximately 8.25pm)</p>							
02/16	<p>Members Disclosable Pecuniary and other Disposable Declarations of Interest in agenda items: None declared, except two disclosable declarations of interest: Peter Stanton in Item 9 – as member of Farthingstone Cricket Club; and John Church in Item 7 as a member of Farthingstone Parochial Church Council. The Chair gave a dispensation that both councillors may remain in the meeting during discussion of their relevant items. JM noted that JC might be required to participate as a representative for the church.</p>							
03/16	<p>Minutes of the last Meeting: The Minutes of the Farthingstone Parish Council Meeting of 16th November 2015 were reviewed for accuracy. The Minutes were then signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.</p>							
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5/16	<p>Superfast Broadband: SB gave an update on information about Farthingstone’s access to superfast broadband (SFB), following further questions he had asked of the NCC SFB team, the key points are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farthingstone will not benefit from Stage 2 and is in the remaining 4% of communities for whom a solution is not yet available (Stage 3) • SFB will come to the cabinet in Everdon but no further – the distance to Farthingstone from that cabinet means that there will be no benefit to the village at all. • BT are responsible for planning SFB delivery to within budget to the maximum number of premises possible. The decision about which premises are not included in Stage 2 is theirs and they are not accountable to the public for their decision. • We believe that the poor quality and poor maintenance of the ducting between Farthingstone and Everdon, as mentioned by a number of BT engineers, mean that it is not cost effective for BT to lay this length of fibre optic cable (although NCC cannot confirm this and state that BT will have taken many other complex factors into account in their planning – 							

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	<p>at the time of the audit, and have been appropriately minuted as agreed by the full council as targeted at specific projects, or as a reasonable contingency; she believes that this is acceptable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB raised concerns about how sufficient the reserve is given some of the projects we are aware of – ie the church wall, ongoing maintenance of Joymead etc, as well as any other unexpected contingencies. • SH reported that the Precept has not changed since 2005. • After discussion, it was agreed to keep the Parish Precept at £3,250 for 2016/17. The Chair and Clerk signed the return to Daventry District Council accordingly. • It was resolved to accept the entire Budget Report and the Parish Precept for 2016/17 – proposed John Church and seconded Susan Castle. 	
7/16	<p>Church Wall Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH reported that 2 further quotes are being sought from specialist stone masons (we already have 3 from general builders) • SH recommended a small working party to look in more detail at grant funding opportunities and to develop a proposal for how the work could be funded. It was agreed that the working party would consist of Sarah Hyatt, Susan Castle and John Church who would meet and present a funding proposal to the next meeting. 	SC/JC/ SH
8/16	<p>Daventry District Council – Draft Housing Supplementary Planning Document:</p> <p>SB presented a briefing on this consultation paper (which had been circulated in advance of the meeting). Councillors thanked him for this excellent, detailed and helpful briefing. The paper was accepted with one amendment being recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 5.11 PS recommended that there should be an explicit requirement for sustainable development when considering exception sites. • The response to the consultation as shown in the briefing paper was agreed by all councillors, including the recommended amendment – proposed Susan Castle, seconded Sarah Hyatt. • SB to complete the on-line consultation response on behalf of FPC. • SB noted that there are two further consultations which have just begun – Settlements and Countryside Local Plan and Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People Local Plan. He will provide similar briefings for these two to inform our response. 	SB
9/16	<p>Grant request from Farthingstone Cricket Club (Nomads):</p> <p>The Chair invited representatives from FCC in the audience to provide a brief synopsis of the situation, which is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCC is based in the Kings Arms and began 6 years ago, but with no cricket ground in the parish. • Preston Capes have allowed FCC to use their ground and they have played there for 2 seasons, but PC Club has declined and now folded. • Agreement has been reached that FCC can continue to use the ground but the facilities are in a poor state. • The owners of the land are supportive of cricket continuing and it is intended that there will be a formal agreement established to provide security of tenure. • FCC want to encourage more people to play and particularly young 	

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	<p>people – in a family friendly environment. Other local clubs are also struggling, so FCC may gain support from other local residents. Currently 8 or 9 players are Farthingstone residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First priority is to replace facilities with a purpose build unit – at a cost of about £8,000 (the financial proposal has been previously circulated). • Currently FCC have raised about £1,500 through subscriptions, fund raising etc and have been promised £500 from the Farthingstone Foot Fest funds. • Other local parish councils have been approached and are considering grant funding. • FCC is affiliated to the ECB which may provide some funding, other sources are also being explored like Sport England and Waitrose. • Would like the support (both explicitly and financially) of Farthingstone Parish Council which, if demonstrated, would help secure other funds. <p>The Chair thanked representatives for this information and there was a discussion about grant funding. Some concerns were raised, given other local priorities which will requires grant funding, but there was explicit support for the project and a grant of £200 was agreed. There may be opportunities to request further grant funding in the next financial year when other cost pressures are more fully understood.</p> <p>The grant was proposed by Steve Batterby and seconded by Sarah Hyatt.</p>	
10/16	<p>Planning Applications: None</p>	
11/16	<p>Neighbourhood Watch Report: JM reported that she is circulating all police updates – there appears to be a lot of local rural crime currently. She requested that all councillors remain vigilant for any suspicious behaviour/vehicles and that they request all residents to do the same and to report any instances to her as the NW Co-ordinator.</p>	All
12/16	<p>Speeding in the Village: This item was not discussed at this time – defer to March meeting.</p>	SH
13/16	<p>Defibrillator: A request has been received from a resident to consider locating a defibrillator in Farthingstone. Many local villages now have them in place. After a short discussion it was agreed that until a more detailed proposal including costs, training, utility costs etc was available it was not possible to make any decision. Councillor Amos advised that you need 12 residents to be trained in its use. SH to investigate and report to March meeting.</p>	SH
14/16	<p>Correspondence: None</p>	
15/16	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SB reported that he had attended DDC planning training and noted that the housing stock target for rural villages up to 2029 has already been achieved (West Northants Joint Core Strategy) b) SB reported that the New Street Development in Weedon has been returned to the appeal stage (for further review) after a successful legal challenge to the decision by DDC. c) SS reported that there are large quantities of leaves rotting on the Maidford Road, and that drains are blocked and requested that the council sweep the road and clear the drains – JM to contact Highways 	JM

